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Coal: Miracle or Tragedy?

By BEVERLEY GEARY
A'tome Editor

Peabody Coal Company has failed to reclaim or restore drill holes and tailings in exploration on the Northern Cheyenne reservation. Landowners have not been paid for surface damage.

A study of socio-economic and cultural aspects of coal development, done by the Northern Great Plains Research Program, has been rejected by the Tribal Council. The report is coocerned with the Crow tribe, and "in no way is representative of the Northern Cheyenne."

These were some points made to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee in Billings Saturday by Dave Robinson of the Northern Cheyenne Landowners Assn.

He was one of some 45 testifying before Sen. Lee Metcalf (Mont.) and Sen. Clifford Hansen (Wyo.) on the federal coal leasing program. Montana's Lt. Gov. Bill Chrisiansen and former Gov. Forrest Anderson both spoke.

Testimony was overwhelmingly against federal management of coal leasing — "it's like letting the wolf mind the sheep," as one put it. Most seemed to feel the present administration is securely wedded to big industry which is doing the development.

Paul Schmecbel, vice president and general manager of Western Energy Co., said strip mining is absolutely necessary in the Northern Great Plains.

Western Energy, wholly owned by Montana Power Co., has about 837 million tons of coal reserves at Colstrip, more than 25,000 acres of coal lands, seeks to lease an additional 6,000 acres from the federal government.

"I'm afraid nothing can be said to emotionally comfort those ... who wish for the good old days," he added.

A base study prior to any strip mining activity was requested by the Tribal Council President Allen Rowland. "We don't want another Appalachia out in our country," he said.

The Landowners Association stated that the eventual commitment of 49 percent of reservation land for development clearly indicates disregard and ignorance of Interior Department, BIA policies.

Landowner spokesman Dave Robinson said: "The Cheyenne landowners have never been consulted about the leasing of their individual lands, nor been informed by the BIA about the full implications of the permits and leases. This is being viewed as a gross violation by the Cheyenne landowners on the part of the BIA."

Said Robinson, "The magnitude, nature and rapidity with which this development will be brought upon the Cheyenne can only be felt as modern day genocide."

Indicative of the feeling of many opposed to coal development in Montana, Rosebud rancher Wally McRae called coal-oriented industrialization the third great tragedy perpetrated by the federal government in the west.

The first, he said was the calculated elimination of the

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TRIBAL PRESIDENT ALLEN ROWLAND
Feathered Shield Hangs Upsidedown

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He Makes People Listen Over Desk Crowded With Details

Allen Rowland looks and acts like a college professor (in inter-tribal chiefs' pow-wow marches, he is the only one wearing a business suit.) But his formal education ended in the 11th grade — which makes him a high school dropout.

His ancestors helped defeat Custer. Yet a grandfather, Willis R. Rowland, later became a scout for the Army.

Under his leadership the Northern Cheyenne tribe, 10 years ago regarded as the "least assimilated" of 258 in the U.S., is now looked to for direction in Indian mineral development and environmental protection.

Tribal Chairman Rowland can talk coal mining techniques, machanics of alphabet-soup bureaucracy, plumbing details in new housing (he is a plumber by trade) — or tribesmen's personal problems, all with equal aplomb.

The Chairman's position is sometimes a grandfather role.

But from mornings filled with trivia — signing checks, propane requisitions, employment rolls — the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Chairman also manages to make a regional and national impact.

The phrase "practical politics" has a greater depth of meaning to him than to most men. He knows the decades of Indian dependency on political maneuver and whim.

And today, looking for funding for a badly needed new clinic, he says, "I'm not counting on Congress. I don't have much faith in them."

Still, he's gone through the motions.

The Tribe has been unable to get a commitment on Indian Health Service leasing (what the BIA calls contracting); Sens. Mansfield and Metcalf have asked the Appropriations committee for $1.9 million needed. Rowland and others have flown to Washington, D.C., for a series of hearings.

"The hearings are a bunch of bullshit. They only give you two minutes ... you can't say anything in that time."

As an example of red tape, he tells of trying

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In their respective roles, often in conflict elsewhere, Tribal President Allen Rowland and BIA Superintendent Alonzo Spang work cooperatively. What kind of men are they? Here, each tells some thing of his philosophy, frustrations.

BIA SUPERINTENDENT ALONZO SPANG
He's First Northern Cheyenne

Spang Listens to Elders

A man who left the reservation as a student and returned with a doctorate, Alonzo Spang likes to think administering Bureau of Indian Affairs here is best done by a Northern Cheyenne.

The Tribal Council thought so, too, when it requested Spang be hired to fill the BIA superintendent's chair.

At the time, two years ago, he was an assistant professor in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Montana; he was also director of the Indian Studies program.

One plus has been that older people who speak only Cheyenne now seek out the BIA superintendent — some of them for the first time in their lives.

"It's tragic that a man has to wait 75 years to talk about his problems," says Spang.

He sees his job as positive and challenging "when your own people are involved."

Though being a member of the Northern Cheyenne tribe gives him a keen sensitivity to problems here, it also makes him cautious.

"Many expectations are made of you," Spang realizes. "There are certain things, like laws, you can't violate ... no man is bigger than the law. If you don't like it, you must try to change it."

With "regulations," however, "you have some latitude." It's important, he feels, that people understand the difference between laws and regulations.

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Indians to Sit Down With Unions

In response to complaints about Indian hiring procedures at Colstrip, a meeting with the four unions involved has been set May 13, 10 a.m., at the Labor Temple in Billings.

Harold Horn, Northern Cheyenne off-reservation employment officer for the Department of Labor, calls it discrimination — "but discrimination in such a fashion we can't put our finger on it ... lots of Indian boys are getting left out."

He said, on April 1, Westmoreland and Morris & Knutson hired 1,000 men without informing him any positions were open.

Union membership and training is another problem. Four unions are involved: Laborers, Engineers, Teamsters and Carpenters.

"They say, 'How many union men do you have?' Another basketball they throw back and forth," adds Horn, "is who's responsible? The companies say it's a union matter, the unions say it's a company matter ... 'we're just going by their policy.'

'I've never seen anything like it in my life."

Presently, 26 percent of 944 in the Northern Cheyenne labor force is unemployed.

Horn says there are two reasons for this: Lack of training and information about how to get this training; and ignorance of state and reservation legal protection provisions for equal opportunity employment.

Money, he says, should be appropriated for a satellite state employment office on the reservation.

Reservation Wins Two on Kirby Board

Two Northern Cheyenne reservation candidates defeated incumbent trustees in the Kirby school district 17K election, to acquire a majority on the three-man board.

Though the majority of the district population lives on the reservation, this is the first time in history for a candidate from the reservation to be elected trustee.

The election was close. Larry Martin beat Scotty Ferguson by one vote, 29 to 28; Jerry Winther defeated George Kraft by the same tally.

The south line of the district runs almost to the Birney forks, and the north line to highway 212.

Greg Jones, whose term was not up this year, is chairman of the school board which administers Big Bend school on Rosebud Creek, just off the reservation.

Martin and Winther campaigned on the need to move the school to a more central location to serve more children conveniently, and to upgrade the facilities (the tiny frame building has no indoor plumbing.)

Prior to election, a registration campaign was conducted on the reservation.

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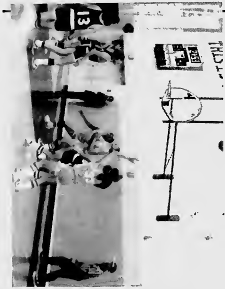

Northern Cheyenne basketball players repeat victories in Wolf Point. At left, Eugene Limpy (33) shoots, with Clayton Small, Oliver Flying and Leslie Beartusk in action.

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Let's Pick Up Our Trash

Shredded meat cartons, rotted vegetables, old tin cans, scraps of discarded clothing

Too many loose dogs, inadequate garbage cans, and a system which shuts off garbage pick-up to those who don't pay their bills are the main reasons for this "scenery."

Shutting off garbage pick-up harms the image of the Northern Cheyenne tribe and the town of Lame Deer far more than it harms the person who can't pay the garbage bill. With no vehicle to haul it off, he has no choice but to pile it in his yard, where loose dogs strew it far and wide.

Every Monday morning there are plenty of prisoners in the Lame Deer jail who could be picking up garbage — if only someone would take responsibility for it. And, almost any day of the week, there are enough people sitting out "flat time" to handle this problem on a weekly basis.

A dog-proof garbage can system could — and should — be established, if no other way, by the Tribal Council. Per unit cost would not be high, and intangible rewards great.

Garbage service should be regular and continued — even if the householder doesn't or can't pay his bill.

The antique-lovers favorite saying, "one man's trash is another man's treasure," hardly applies to houses surrounded by vegetable mush, or littered slopes in the foreground of scenic foothills.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Don't Close Door to Indian Progress'

Recently there has arisen a deep interest in the fate and well-being of today's American Indian. An interest that has motivated special interest groups, backed by well-meaning ignorant American citizens, to destroy millions of dollars worth of our tax money, in the way of federal buildings and equipment, plus the useless destruction of private property that has even led to the senseless slaughter of our fellow citizens some of which have been maimed for life.

Please, can you tell me that the destruction of a federal office building in Washington, D.C. is going to feed and clothe a needy Sioux Indian family in South Dakota? Can you tell me that disruptions and the destruction of private citizens lives and property will house a Navajo family in Arizona? Can you tell me that it takes the price of a human life to preserve and prosper a Cherokee's life on a reservation in Oklahoma?

These are a few of the questions that come to me when I hear people talking of the great strides made by the leaders of the American Indian Movement. A single group of metropolitan full breeds, half breeds, and half wits, that are now spending thousands of dollars in defense of themselves, when this same money could be used to further a young man's education away from the reservation, or help nourish a starving child.

To you, the people of the United States: Do not keep the door closed to the face of Indian progress. Do not leave him in the past for you and your children to look at in a museum called a reservation. Give my people, my fellow Americans, your fellow Americans, a reasonable chance, not by making concessions to them for what your forefathers may have done, but by sewing the seeds of knowledge with in their minds the minds that will grow and blossom into self-sustaining ideals. Ideals that will lead the Indian back to the greatness his ancestors once enjoyed. A greatness that will give him the self-confidence to strive for goals in life. Giving him a purpose in this world of plenty, and on many problems to work side by side with his fellow man to solve them, and again be the man he once was. A man that would receive the blessings and pride of Crazy Horse, Geronimo, Chief Joseph, and Red Cloud. Great men in our American history who by their stern pride and never ending determination stand solidly in the minds of all Americans. A pride and a determination that with a little self-confidence and self-respect, would show in all indian people everywhere.

Sincerely
Herb Red Cloud,
Sidoey, Neb.

Roads Released to Tribe

Dear Editor:

Just read your article in the March 28 of the A'tome about Highway 315 falling apart. Right you are, we are having a terrible time trying to keep it in repair.

Just thought I would fill you in on a little information, last year the tribe asked us, the County Commissioners, to release all roads that were maintained by the county on the reservation back to the tribe. That included the Ashland road from 212 going north on the west side of the Tongue river to the reservation line about to Boyd Shaver's, which includes about 7 miles, and the black-top road from 212 going northwest to about Jim Town, about 4 miles. So, this we did and is no longer maintained by Rosebud County.

Enjoyed reading your paper.

Sincerely.
John W. Moretand
Co. Commissioner

Rudolph Pruden, federal extension service, and Thomas Burden of the BIA in Washington, D.C., are schedule to visit Northern Cheyenne, Crow, Rocky Boy and Fort Belknap reservations the end of April

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Other Tribes

Two Indians have recently been appointed superintendents of Bureau of Indian Affairs agencies — George A. Laverdure to Crow Agency, and Loreo J. Farmer to the Yanktoo Sioux (S.D.) agency.

At Crow, Laverdure, 58, and a turtle Mountain Chippewa, took office March 31. He began his BIA service in 1939 and served as acting superintendent of the Northern Cheyenne agency at Lame Deer for three-months in the summer of 1971.

Former Crow superintendent Anson Baker, has been transferred as superintendent to the Fort Bethold agency at New Town, N.D.

Farmer, at Yanktoo, also took office on March 31, replacing Charles James who transferred to the Aberdeen S.D. office of the BIA.

He was administrative manager at Cheyenne River agency at Eagle Butte in 1971, and is former president of the Portland American Indian Center.

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Anadarko (Okla.) Municipal hospital has been ordered to cease discrimination against Indians in its denial of emergency room on an equal basis with non-Indians patients. The hospital has also been ordered to set up an "affirmative" program.

This suit was the first filed by the Department of Justice against a public hospital and the first charging a public facility with discrimination against Indians.

Anadarko, a town of 6,682 is 21 percent Indian.

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Beadwork of McKioley Standing, of Wichita, and Kiowa descent, will be on display until May 4 at the Southern Plains Indian Museum and Crafts Center, Anadarko, Okla.

Comprised of 85 pieces of beadwork, this exhibition is the largest display of beadwork by a Southern Plains craftsman ever presented to the public.

Standing learned the basic beadwork techniques at home from his mother, Nettie, a noted Kiowa craft woman who is also manager of the Oklahoma Indian Arts and Crafts Cooperative.

Pueblos aided by other southwest tribes, have won a three-year fight with HUD to include Pueblo architectural concepts in HUD-financed homes. This encompasses adobe construction and fireplaces.

WAYNE HEADSWIFT (INSIDE) LOWERS AMBULANCE STRETCHER
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SIREN FASCINATES THOSE MANNING NEW AMBULANCE
Dale Rittierodt, John Cross, Ben Gallegos

New Ambulance Service Begun With 18 EMTs

Eighteen emergency medical technicians (EMTs) staff the Northern Cbcyenne Tribe's new ambulance service, the largest number of trained EMTs on any such service in Mootana.

They completed 23 weeks of training this week, and three other volunteers have begun the training in Forsyth.

A bright yellow 1964 van, given to the Tribal Council by Indian Health Service, has been equipped as a state certified ambulance.

Dr. Art McDonald, director of the Community Resource Project, is in charge of the project.

Ben Gallegos was elected chairman of a board of directors chosen by the staff.

Other officers are: Eddy Foote, vice-chairman; Pat Rowland, secretary; Eugene Means, treasurer; John Gross, mechanical engineer; Roseanoe Headswift, one-year member; Dale Rittierodt, two-year member; and Darlene Hawley, advisor.

The emergency ambulance service operates seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and is equipped to handle any emergency situation.

Helping push the proposal into reality were Weodell Shoulderblade, Tribal Council vice-chairman; Rosemary Blohm, assistant coordinator of emergency medical services in Billings; and Albert Goke, director of the Highway Traffic Safety Commission in Helena.

The emergency training includes 23 weeks of lectures and skills classes. Among skills learned are pulmonary resuscitation (mechanical as well as non-mechanical methods), cardiopulmonary resuscitation, control of hemorrhage, splinting and bandaging, emergency childbirth, and procedures for removing victims from wrecked vehicles.

Each volunteer also spends eight hours observing emergency room procedures at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings.

EMT's now on the staff are: John Cross Jr., Mary Ewing, Eddy Foote, Jr., Ben Gallegos, Emmeline Spang, Annie and Charlie Messer of Birney, Judi and Mechael Degnan of Colstrip. They began training last September

Beginning training are Lisa Elksboulder, Olene Roundstone and Jenny Shoulderblade.

Preliminary classroom training was coordinated by Mrs. Blohm of Billings.

Miss Darlene Hawley of Laurel is temporary manager of the service. A pre-med graduate of the University of Montana, she studied radiology in Colorado and completed one year of graduate school at the University of British Columbia.

Besides helping the staff apply training to actual field work, she will select from the staff a permanent manager (or co-managers) and give training in administrative aspects of ambulance service.

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No Exclusion at Housing Meet

James Mullin of Lame Deer, fee accountant for several Montana Indian Housing Authorities, last week in Albuquerque, reviewed an Indian housing manual prepared by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

He was a delegate of the newly-orgaoized National American Indian Housing Council (NIHC) organized this month in Washington, D.C.

Mullin reported that 40 Indian Housing Authorities were represented — rather than the 12 originally invited to review of the disputed manual

The NIHC had requested the 12 invitees to boycott the meeting, should any additional tribes be excluded from attendance, comment and input. The organization felt there was inadequate notice of the meeting and distribution of the handbook.

The council also branded the administration's leasing program unworkable on reservations.

An amendment was submitted to the housing bill being developed in the Banking and Currency Committee; it would continue Indian housing under traditional programs — and not under section 23 leased housing. The amendment also provided for $20 million annually for conventional construction programs for Indians.

Present in the capital for NIHC organization were Burt Kaline, Sr., chairman of the Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority; Virginia Toews, director; and Mullin, housing consultant.

Ronald Froman of Oklahoma was elected interim chairman of the Council.

Open House In Lame Deer

Director of the Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority, Virginia Toews, put on a long hostess gown and held open house last Thursday at the $38,000, 45-by-72-foot building just completed.

Some 200 people showed up for coffee and doughnuts during the day-long celebration.

The event also marked completion of 210 units of reservation housing. The Housing Authority has occupied the building across from tribel buildings for the past nine months, even though it was still unfurnished.

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He's Juggling Many Projects

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to get funding through FHA. This route would require opening the clinic to outsiders — but an old law reads that you can't do that on Indian reservations. The Tribal Council here has passed a resolution supporting a bill to change this.

Besides a clinic, Rowland wants a new tribel office building, which the Council is trying to fund through Economic Development Administration (EDA). Present quarters are cramped.

The Council on April 8 accepted preliminary drawings and instructed George Hiwalker Jr. to send in a proposal to EDA. The plans call for a building large enough to lease office space.

Paving of Lame Deer streets is on the BIA priority list for 1976, says Rowland. "But we'd like to get it sooner ... we may contract for it."

Plans are being developed for a college on the reservation. This would undoubtedly reduce the high college dropout rate—and the big push here is on education.

Says Rowland, "Some people are talking in terms of a junior college or satellite college. But others of us want to go all out for a four-year college."

The high school for Lame Deer, finally approved this winter, has been a Tribal Council " priority" project for 12 years.

Lame Deer high school students are — and always have been — bused to Busby Indian school, 34 miles each day; to St. Labre Mission school, 42 miles daily; or to Colstrip off the reservation, 52 miles. Shortage of secondary facilities this year threatened the busing of some students 120 miles into Hardin and back each day.

"The government moves so damn slow," Rowland says, "that I imagine construction won't start until a year from now." (In another story this issue, BIA Superintendent Alonzo Spang says construction will begin "in the next few years.")

Among programs in the education field which Rowland has seen develop during his two terms of office are Basic Adult Education, Follow Through, Head Start, School Age Education, Teacher Corps.

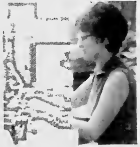
The Neighborhood Youth Corps, for youths 14 to 17, and Mainstream, for adults, have reduced the unemployment rate of the Northern Cheyennes and taken many off welfare.

The Public Works Impact Program (PWIP) now in its second year of operation, reservation fencing, fire fighting, and emergency rescue.

Alcoholism, rated high but still under debate as to definition, is being combatted by the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in its alcoholism project, which has led to a statewide Indian anti-alcoholism program. Mark Small, formerly director of the program here, is now state director.

A new swimming pool, put into operation two years ago,has added to scant recreational facilities for both youth and adults — "you just can't keep the kids away from there," the Tribal Chairman says with fatherly pride.

Rowland is trying to come to terms with a desk heaped with unanswered and unfiled provides employment in forest thinning.



TRIBAL SECRETARY ERMA SPANG
She Took Office This Week

correspondence since the auto-accident death of Tribal Secretary Erma Fisher last month. Erma's death was both a personal and tribal-business blow to the Chairman.

Erma Spang, formerly BIA employed in housing and social services, began to work Monday as new Tribel Council secretary.

Revamping of tribal business structure is underway. Being caught in the present bind has made this even more urgent. A proposel for complete restructuring has been sent to Washington.

Coal is an issue he's talked about so much, in so many quarters, Rowland doesn't even like to discuss it anymore.

But every paragraph of a statement paper put out by the newly-formed Native American Naturel Resources Federation (26 tribes) is laced with Northern Cheyenne thinking. Rowland is acting chairman of the organization which will elect permanent officers in May.

For many years, the issue of coel was a sleeping giant understood only by coel company planners. Originel Indian leases were made by Tribal Councilmen ungrounded in fact — and, indeed, as Rowland points out, these vital facts were nearly impossible to get.

"We began asking a lot of questions (about coal leases), but we got no answers. We thought the U.S. government wouldn't rip us off, so we let it ride."

Until last year. In March of 1973, the Northern Cheyenne Tribel Council passed a resolution asking for cancellation of all existing coal leases.

The issue is still in court—and "only God and the Secretary of the Interior knows when it will be resolved."

In the meantime, Rowland points out, "we've put them on notice they'd better be damn careful .... we don't want them polluting our air and water."

He's talking about the mining already approved around the reservation borders.

Rowland was first elected to the Council in 1962. He is balfway through his second four-year term as Chairman.

He lives up Muddy Creek with his wife Eva and two sons, William,18, and Raymond, 19. He served with the Seventh Infantry in the South Pacific during World War II

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BIA's Spang Wants Self-Determination

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The BIA in Lame Deer works closely with the Tribal Council — "we're trying to program our activities to the tribe, to implement their priorities."

He cites the proposed new high school as an example: "Hopefully it will become a reality in the next few years. The tribe has the upper hand in determining how fast we move."

BIA personnel here are now 86 percent Indian, 43 out of 50. Eight branch chiefs are Indian, four of them Northern Cheyenne.

Branch chiefs are: Weaver Hiwalker, Cheyenne, agency special officer; Keith Beartusk, Cheyenne, forestry; Tom Rodwell, Chippewa, social services; Bud Moran, Flathead, reservation programs; George Fields, Cherokee, administrative manager; Oscar Lizoette, Chippewa, roads; Bertha Freeman, Cheyenne, bead cook at Busby School; and Ray Harris Jr., Cheyenne, appraiser.

"Self-determination" is an important concept to Spang.

"Since I've been here, I like to think we've been implementing this. But self-determination is a double-edged sword. At the same time you take on more authority, you also take on more responsibility and accountability."

Indeed, the BIA at Lame Deer has made some break-throughs.

The Bureau turned over to the Tribe administering of per capita payments this year — "and it was very successful," says Spang.

A unique working relationship has been worked out in areas of law and order. Special Officer Weaver Hiwalker, through a Civil Service employee, works directly under Tribal Chairman Allen Rowland in all matters except federal cases.

The Busby elementary and high schools have been contracted out to the tribe, and "instead of feeling the BIA lost something, I think we gained." All school personnel are tribal employees.

Superintendent Spang feels the idea of contracting to the tribe services perviously handled by the BIA is the way to go.

"We're open to contract anything and everything, as long as certain standards are met."

Among other "contract" possibilities are those BIA. functions of employment assistance, credit, law and order.

Road work approved includes resurfacing of highway 315 to Birney this summer, paved roads adjacent to housing, paving of Muddy and Ashland-Birney roads, as well as ("aoout fifth priority") paving of the Tongue river road north to the reservation line.

Indian Bank Gets Approval

One possible source of funding for a new $1.9 million clinic requested by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council is the American Indian National Bank (AINB)

The Council last week voted to invest in the new bank.

Stock is available now at $55 a share. The bank was started in November 1973 with a $1 million loan; funds have grown to $7 million.

One possible way of resolving difficulties in getting funding for the Lame Deer clinic may be through a combination of AINB and local bank loans, suggests Allen Rowland, Tribal Chairman.

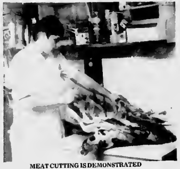
The bank issued 100,000 shares of stock March 27, to be sold exclusively to American Indians. No one person or group may own more than five percent.

The 120-day stock issue is expected to increase the bank's lending limit to one customer to $500,000.

Additionally, bank officials have their eyes on some $420 million the federal government has in trust from claims Indians have won against the government for lands taken. These funds are presently on deposit with banks all over the country.

One problem Indians have had in raising capital is that most Indian land is held in trust or restricted status, so that it cannot be sold or mortgaged without the consent of Congress.

AINB president is Barney Old Coyote, a Montana Crow. The bank is located in Washington, D.C.



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Bachelors Fixing Beef

Young "bachelors" at St. Labre are learning to cut, trim, buy — and cook beef.

The major assignment for students in the Bachelor Living and Advanced Home Economics classes was to plan, prepare and evaluate an economy beef dish which cost no more than 40 cents a serving.

Last Thursday the bachelor living classes watched Randy Dockendort at Joe's Trading Post demonstrate beef cutting and trimming. He also offered tips on buying meat.

During the past three weeks, students have been participating in a beef education program, sponsored by the Tongue River CowBelles.

The CowBelles provide books on beef production, processing, buying and cooking — in addition, they pay for beef used during the program.

Movies and film strips, from the school library, the county extension office and the Nationel Livestock and Meat Board were shown

Montana Judges Conferring

Chief Tribal Judge C. Hiwalker will be spending May 2 and 3 in Great Falls at another session of the National American Indian Court judges' monthly conferences for judges on the seven Montana reservations.

Judge Hiwalker sees the sessions as valuable in the current efforts to upgrade the Northern Cheyenne tribal court system.

This month, she attended a similar session in Missoula, where instruction was given in the latest legal procedures, and where Indian judicial problems were aired.

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Testimony Given to Senators on Coal Leasing

The issuing of federal coal leases "Is a very real threat to our continued existence," Northern Cheyenne Tribal President Allen Rowland told a U.S. Senate Subcommittee Saturday in Billings.

"The similarity of other federal leases made on behalf of us by the Bureau of Indian Affairs is frightening. We feel very strongly that special interest groups are served first and last."

He cited two breaches of regulations by the BIA in the case of Cheyenne leases – omitting the required technical assessment, and setting the bonding rate too low to cover possible damage.

"Federal leasing," he emphasized, "Must protect the Indian and the general public, and not be a blind servant to special interest groups."

He asked that energy companies be required to set up escrow accounts — not just bonds to insure reclamation, and that studies encompass a period of at least 10 years.

In a six-point position statement, he said the Northern Cheyennes want complete control over strip mining activities.

They want leasing regulated to control population distribution — "we do not want a high influx of non-Indians coming into our reservation and destroying our culture and our life style."

Protection of the Indian cattle industry is vital. This means reclamation geared to natural grass production.

Water reclamation is essential, he said If water should become contaminated, he thinks the coal company should be required to restore "the same quality of water we had before strip mining was undertaken."

Air and odor pollution must be regulated — "we feel that, with strip mining, comes the plant operations which will convert the coal to other forms of energy," he adds realistically. And Rowland wants these generating and-or gasification plants put where they'll do the least damage — and their security (from sabotage) to be assured. The Tribe wants full control of how many and where these are located.

The sociological impact on the Northernn Cheyennes was one of the most crucial concerns be voiced to the subcommittee.

We are proud of our way of life. Even though it is not fully understood by the non-Indians, we believe it is one of the most beautiful on the face of the earth. We would hope any laws enacted would be sensitive to this point.

"We know that a large number of employees connected with any coal developing operation ... we fear for our young and we fear for the yet unborn.

"We would want to be able to control the number of people who would come into our reservation, where they would live — and how they would relate to us."

CHARLES RENO, ETHEL RIDGE WALKER
At Reburial ol Maj. Marcus Reoo

Ethel Ridge Walker Fled Custer's Men at Age 7

Jim One Bear, who died last week, was the son of the last Northern Cheyenne woman to be in the Cheyenne-Sioux village June 25, 1876, the day of Gen. George A. Custer's last battle.

His mother, Mrs. Ethel Ridge Walker, died in 1969.

She was seven years old the day her mother grabbed her and ran to hide from soldiers fording the Little Big Horn River. Her father, Bearchum, was in the battle.

After the battle, she was taken with her family to Oklahoma, from which they later made the bloody flight back to Montana with Little Wolf's and Dull Knife's bands.

"I remember coming back," Mrs. Ridge Walker once recalled "It was long The ponies' hooves were sore. The women bound them with leather — pieces of rawhide."

Jim One Bear, son of her first husband, also had two sisters, Mrs. John Stands-in-Timber and Mrs. Little Wolf. A son, Frank Ridge Walker, and a daughter were children by her second husband, Ridge Walker.

She participated in the reburial of Maj. Mareus Reno at the Custer Battlefield in 1960 with Reno's great-nephew, Charles Reno of Jackson Heights, N.Y. The reburial followed the Army's reversal of a bad conduct discharge.

Until her death, Mrs. Ridge Walker enjoyed playing handgame.

George Long Jaw, 5, Drowns April 15 in Rosebud Creek

A massive, 22-hour search in the hills, fields and in Rosebud Creek water preceded the finding of the body of drowning victim five-year-old George Long Jaw on April 16.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Long Jaw of Lame Deer, but was staying at the Pious Manley home on the Rosebud when the accident occurred. His funeral was held last Thursday.

The boy was first reported missing to Tribal Patrolman Wilbert Michell at 6:30 p.m. on April 15.

Agency Special Officer Weaver Hiwalker, and Police Chief Glen Littlebird immediately mobilized search parties. Equipment was sent to the area by Keith Beartusk, head of Forestry, and Dean Naylor, BIA plant manager.

Hiwalker praised the response of the public to the emergency and estimated about 90 took part in the night and day-long search.

While some search parties combed the hills and nearby buildings, trustees from the Lame Deer jail and other volunteers dragged the water. The body was discovered lodged in the creek, at 4:10 p.m. by Charlie Brady's search crew.

Services of a search-and-rescue-trained dog, owned by Crow Tribal Police Lt. Lewis Rideshorse, pointed the route the boy had taken to the creek, Hiwalker said.

Other volunteer help included 40 high school students from Busby, 28 PWIP workers directed by Herman Limberhand, nine from the Forest Development crew, nine from IAT, BIA personnel.

Who Picks Up Dead Dogs?

By Joe Higgins
Neighborhood Youth
Corps Director

There seemed to be quite a struggle last week to remove the remains of a dead dog from the main street of Lame Deer.

After four days, during which time the proper authorities were contacted, the Neighborhood Youth Corps work supervisor picked up the dead dog.

The NYC office is not opposed to this type of work. However, other reservation agencies, just by their names, seem to be more responsible for this type of work. These agencies were contacted, but nothing was done.

I suggest perhaps that the agencies and program should have a sharing session to explain their areas of responsibility, by knowing who should do what, I feel we can better serve our community.

BIA Responsible for Road Upkeep

Severe spring breakup of asphalt roads on the reservation is explained as a combination of roads poorly built in the first place, a BIA policy of turning roads over to the county for maintenance — and the timing of their return to the BIA for upkeep.

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe last fall requested, and got, county release of reservation roads.

This is where the poor timing comes in, according to Alonzo Spang, Bureau of Indian Affairs superintendent here. Winter weather and lack of asphalt mix meant no maintenance until spring.

In addition, according to BIA area road engineer Gale Loomis, the Busby-Kirby road never was maintained by Big Horn County.

Built by the BIA at a cost of $250 million, it was turned over to the county "and allowed to deteriorate... otherwise, what we see today wouldn't be happening." Road crews under Oscar Lizotte, roads supervisor in Lame Deer, began filling holes last week.

An asphalt paving ("Hot") plant purchased for Montana and Wyoming reservations will be brought first to Lame Deer, about May 15, L oomis announced in Billings.

"This will be an ideal time to do patching on other roads," Loomis said. "The plant is being brought In to resurface the Lame-Deer-Birney road while it can still be salvaged."

Eventually, all other roads will have to be rebuilt, according to Lizotte.

"When these roads were built, standards were not as stringent as they are now. They just piled up some dirt ... you find trees, rocks, anything under the asphalt."

He has set April 27 at the date for work to begin on paving of the Muddy Creek road. Worker hiring was underway last week.

Lizotte expects work to begin on blading of heavily rutted Lame Deer streets "in about a week if the weather permits. Equipment is now being put into shape.

A rock crusher is already in operation at Birney, under a contract to Tindall Construction Co. An estimated 20 to 25,000 tons of aggregate will be used on the Birney road, resurfacing job.

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GRAVE IS FILLED WITH EARTH IN TRADITIONAL FUNERAL
Mourners Stayed Until Flowers Were Placed on Grave

Jim One Bear, 73, Buried in Lame Deer

ONE BEAR

Northern Cheyenne singers chanted to the beat of their drum, as the blanket and flower-covered casket of James One Bear Sr. was carried to the cemetery last Wednesday.

The traditional funeral began at the Catholic church in Lame Deer.

Singers, lead by Philip Whiteman, then accompanied the casket. Other singers were Perry Little Coyote, Gilbert Whitedirt and Ted Woodenthigh.

One Bear, 73, was born July 8, 1900, son of Ethel Bearchum Ridge Walker, who fled the soldiers of Gen. George Custer at age seven. His father was Jacob One Bear.

James One Bear died April 11.

PHILIP WHITEMAN LED SINGERS GOING WITH COFFIN
Others: Perry Little Coyote, Gilbert Whitedirt, Ted Woodenthigh

Cheyennes Ask Control Of Reservation Mining

(Continued from Page 1.)

Indian. The second was the Homestead Act.

McRae noted that all were "fostered with idealistic fervor to "develop the West."

McRae went on to say: "It is said that the products coal can provide will eventually cleanse the skies, cleanse our polluted rivers, and cause our land to bloom with a bountiful harvest. The minor resistance from the sparse rural population with either be ignored, overcome, or mitigated.

"It is significant that the same arguments and tactics used to promote the solution to the Indian problem, and in selling the Homestead Act, are now utilized towards solving the current "energy crisis" ... We (ranchers) have seen through our neighbors, the Indians, and through the homesteaders, the frustration, misery, and eventual economic problems that exploitation of human, and natural resources bring So we are not lulled into believing that the Northern Great Plains Resource Program, the Deeker Birney Study, and the North Central Power Study are actually studies.

"We are convinced that these are implementation programs. They are justification and implementation programs for decision made by the executive branch and carried out by the Interior Department."

The foot notes for the address given by Birney ranchwife Carolyn Alderson shows that Wyoming State Engineer Floyd Bisbop is author of a report that says, unless Wyoming can prevent the industrial purchase of its water, the state will be seriously water short by the year 2020.

A meteorologist predicts a "dust bowl" type of drought within the next two years. If the drought does not come, it will break a cycle that has remained unbroken for over 200 years. Since world grain reserves are at an all-time low, much more grain would go towards feeding people rather than cattle, so a greater source of grass for beef would be necessary

Whether or not there will be any grass was part of the concern of Dr. W. Mark Weber, energy chairman for the Sierra Club. Weber cited a conclusion listed in the Congressional Record, 1974, that stated: "As lands in the northern plains to in fact receive over 10 inches of annual rainfall, it should be expected that mined areas can feasibly be reclaimed if properly planned."

Scientific data, he said, is lacking to support findings that rehabilitation is possible, or that reclamation should be expected in the Northern Great Plains area.

Biologist Steven Knapp of Birney said he shudders to see bureaucrats take such a report and use one fact from it to prove 10 inches of rainfall insure reclamation. Knapp said he also fears for the wildlife population.

Spokesmen for industry used the failing economy, unemployment and the energy crisis as "Must-use" reason for coal development.

Community Health Rotates

Ten community health representatives, on call 24 hours a day, rotate in six districts to improve health standards for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

Routine home visits two or three times a week in each community, delivering medicine — and checking to see if patients are taking their medicine – are part of the duties of these women.

Mary Ewing supervises the operation, assisted by Mildred Hiwalker. Lisa Elkshoulder is bookkeeper and general clerk.

Other health workers under the Health, Education and Welfare funded program are: Patricia Rowland, Rosanne Headswift, Emmaline Gleason, Cecelia Limberhand, Emeline Spang, Olene Roundstone and Jennie Mae Shoulderblade.

Whenever an elderly person needs an interpreter or an escort, a health representative accompanies the patient to Billings or to the Lame Deer clinic. All patients are transported when necessary.

They also do follow-ups on patients referred by the public health nurse or doctor, treat minor problems, give first-aid classes and treatment, check on newborns and mothers, seek help for people from other agencies such as welfare, and handle vector control spraying for bedbugs, flies, mosquitoes and cockroaches.

Two community health representatives work in the eyeglass department, where they make minor repairs.

They also order glasses and parts upon presentation of a prescription; the patient must be Indian. Each student gets the first pair of glasses free, but must pay for subsequent glasses. A deposit or full amount of payment is required prior to ordering.

List Serial Numbers

A rash of burglaries in Lame Decr, nine in the past week, has prompted Agency Special Officer Weaver Hiwalker to request that people lock their houses and keep a record of serial, model numbers.

Serial and model numbers should be kept on television sets, tape decks, eight-tracks, any item which easily attracts a thief, Hiwalker said.

Lame Deer People On Go

It was a pow-wow weekend at Rocky Mountain college in Billings last Friday and Saturday for many from Birney, Ashland, Busby and Lame Deer.

Ward American Horse's condition is improved, in the Miles City Veteran's Administration Hospital. He expects to be kept in the hospital through April.

Cafe Opens In Downtown Lame Deer

The Lame Deer Cafe, closed for the past nine months, is operating again under the management of a couple from Hardin, Edna and Bill Schuman.

They announce that the cafe will be open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m The cafe opened Easter Sunday, but closed a few days for additional repairs.

Mrs. Schuman formerly cooked six years at the Hill Top in Hardin. Her husband farmed and tended bar at the Midget.

Reading Conference Held

All school Age Education employees attended a reading conference at Eastern Montana College in Billings on April 19.

Dyslexia, cultural factors influencing reading, and "the special language of reading" were areas covered.

As an out-grown of studies concerning Indian life and culture, Lame Deer Reading Center pupils and teachers plan a field trip to the Custer Battlefield. They recently visited James King's Museum in Lame Deer.

School Age Education has purchased "Vocabulary for the College Bound."

This consists of cassette tapes and workbooks to help students prepare for the vocabulary portion of such tests as the American College Test, which most colleges now require upon admittance to college.

This resource has been placed in the NYC building and is available for use Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. or in the evenings on Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

College-bound students or other interested individuals may use the resource at the NYC Center by contacting Racheal Brien, Adult Education at the NYC Building

Wilbur Brady, 20, Found Dead

The body of Wilbur Brady, 20, was found hanging by a rope tied to a rafter in his home April 16, an apparent suicide.

Brady was discovered by his brother, Elmer, who went to his home that morning to awaken him. His funeral was held last Thursday.

He was the son of Margaret Brady and the late Elmer Brady Sr.

Besides his brother Elmer Jr., he is also survived by brothers, Henry, Elmer Jo and Arnold Brady, and ahalf-brother, Dale Brady.

Surviving sisters are Emaline Yellow Fox, Imogine, Zethel and Faith Brady

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Colstrip Wins Track Meet at Ashland

Colstrip won the track meet Tuesday afternoon, April 23, on St. Labre Indian School grounds, with 97 poiots. St. Labre placed second with 78 points, and Busby third with 69.

Results for Boys

Javelin — Allen Fishar, St. Labre, first; R Robinson, St. Labre, second: Cummings, Busby, thirb; McGaughiln, Colstrip, fourth, McRee, Colstrip, fifth. Distance 152'2".

Triple jump — Ricky Robinson, St Labre, first; Jensen, Colstrip, third. Trenell, St. Labre, fourth. Distance 38'3"

High jump — Allan Fisher, St. Labre and Jensen, Colstrip, tied for first. Cozzens, Colstrip, third. Oistance 5'11".

Shotput — Wm. Rowland, St. Labre, first; Jerry Robinson, St. Labre, second. Cummings, Busby, thirb. McGaugiln, Colstrip, fourth; McRae, Colstrip, fifth. Distance 40'

Discus — McRae, Colstrip, first; McGaugiln, Colstrip, secanb. Jerry Robinson, St Labre, thirb, Trenell, St Labre, fourth. Sopher, Colstrip, fifth Distance 101'

Pole vault — Cozzen, Colstrip. Distance 9'9".

Long jump — Troy Harris, Busby. first, Ronnie Harris, St. Labre, second. Ray Limpy, Busby, third; Batey, Colstrip, fourth, Hayes, Colstrip, fifth. Distance 16'9"

100 yard dash — Allan Fishar, St Labre, first. Harris, Limpy, both Busby, tie for second, tie for third, Herris and Rowlanb, both St. Labre. Time 11.4 sec.

220 yerd — Limpy, Busby first; Harris, Busby, seconb; Betes, Colstrip, third, Heines, Colstrip, fourth. Vincent, Colstrip, fifth. Time 25 7 sec

440 yard — Red Horse, St Labre, first. Limpy, Busby, seconb McRae, Colstrip, third, McGaugiln, Colstrip, fourth. Time 57 7 sec

880 yarb — Welson, Colstrip, first. Miller, Colstrip, second; Archambeau, Busby, third; Hall, Busby, fourth. Time 2 15 3

Mile run — Limberhanb, Busby, first. Spelman, Colstrip, seconb; Red Horse, St Labre. third. Fox, St Labre, fourth, May, Colstrip, fifth Time 4 56 4

Twb mile run — Limberhand, Busby, first; Spellman, Colstrip, second: Tall Bull, Busby, third. Time 10 52 2.

Low hurdles — Vincent, Colstrip, first. Haines, Colstrip, second; Schneider, Colstrip, third; V. Fisher, St. Labre, fourth; V. Fisher, fifth Time 24 9

High hurdles — Vincent, Colstrip, first, Schneiber, Colstrip, second Time 19 0

880 relay — St. Labre, first; busby, second; Colstrip, third. Timb 3·55 9

Results for Girls

100 yard bash — Betley, Colstrip, first. Spang, St. Labre, second. Boese, Colstrip, third. Curran, Colstrip, fourth. Time 13.3.

220 yarb — Spang, St Labra. first; Turner, Colstrip, second; Boese, Colstrip, third. Time 30 0.

440 yarb — Nelson, Colstrip, first, Whitemen, St. Labre, second Time 1 14 3.

880 yard — Big Back, Busby, ulces, Colstrip, second. V-enson, Colstrip, third; Harris, St. Labre, fourth. Time 2 55 0

Mile run — Fisher, St. Labre. first. Big Back, Busby, seconb, Monahen, Colstrip, third; Harris, St. Labre, fourth Time 6 18 5.

low hurdles — Erickson, Colstrip, first, Boese, Colstrip, second; Fisher, St Labra, third, Wilbur, Colstrip, fourth Time 19 5

High hurdles — Erickson, Colstrip, first; Bbase, Colstrip seconb, Wilbur, Colstrip, third. Time 13.55.

440 relay — Colstrip, first; St. Labra, second. Time 56.5.

880 relay — Colstrip, first; St. Labre, second. Time 2.9 6.

Long jump — L. Harris, St. Labre, first. L. Fisher, St Lebra, second. Batley, Colstrip, third; Nelson, Colstrip, fourth. Wolte, Colstrip, fifth. Distance 12 '11½".

Discus — E Spang, St. Labre, first. Turner, Colstrip, second; Gribble, Colstrip, thirb, Hancock, Colstrip, fourth, Lees, St. Labre, fifth Oistance 79'4".

Shotput — E Spang, St Labre, first, Klemp, Colstrip, second. Bad Bear, St Labra, third, Lees, St. Labre, fourth, tied for fifth, Klemp and Shonenbach. Distance 31'e"

Javelin — Maler, Colstrip, first; Wolfe, Colstrip, second; Turner, Colstrip, third; Lees, St. Labre, fourth; Lel, St. Labre, fifth Distance 95'1".

High jump — Erickson, Colstrip, seconb, Jensen, Colstrip, second; L Harris, St Labre, third. McRae, Colstrip, fourth. Distance 4'10".

In the Hospital

Lame Deer Public Health Clinic records last week showed 11 persons in Hardin, Billings and Crow Agency Hospitals.

In the Hardin hospital was Blasie Medicine Top. Richard Hollowbreast, injured in an auto accident a montb ago, and Lon Clubfoot were both in St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings.

In the Crow Agency hospital were: Martha White Crane, Mae White Dirt, Flossie Walkslast, Alice Wolf Black, James Ooe Bear Sr., Caroline Littlehead Smith, Mary Jaoe Two Moons aod Lucy Little Whiteman.

Legion Wants Dues

Meeting time for American Legion Post 77 has been established as the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., according to post adjutant Wayne Head Swift.

Membership fees are due, $7, and may be paid to Head Swift at the Commuoity Resource Worker office in Lame Deer, to Gary Braine at the Lame Deer school, or to Roger Old Mouse at the Cheyenne Western Bank in Ashland.

New member at the March meeting was Bud Moran. Others present included Roger Old Mouse, Gary Braine, Bob Big Back, Joe Bahr, John Russell, Carl Braine and Allen (Chug) Rowland.

The Lame Deer post was given special mention by the Montana Legionnaire this month for reaching its incentive goal. Lodge Grass Post 116 also received this honor

Athletic Warpaint

EUGENE FISHER

Attention, all boxing fans: The Morning Star Boxing Club is having 35 to 40 bouts Saturday night, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lame Deer Tribal gym.

Boxers will be bere from Helena, Casper, Wyo., Billings Boxing Club, and the Crow Indian Boxing Club. They need your support.

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Fellows in the Northern Cheyenne Boxing Club have been doing impressive things in April competitioo, both in Rivertoo, Wyo., and at Missoula.

At the All-Indian tournament in Riverton, April 19 and 20, three of six Cheyenne boys returned with championships.

Joseph Foote and Eddie Foote lost close decisions in the semi-finals. Clayton Bighead, John Strange Owl and Roo Spang each won by TKOs in the first round to go into the finals.

Gus Spang woo, by unanimous decision, the right to go into the championship. I don 't know bow it worked out, but Gus Spang and Claytoo Bighead, both Northern Cheyennes, fought for the champiooship in the 75-pound class; Clayton woo that bout.

John Strange Owl was the champ in the 95-pound class, and Ron Spang, the champ in the open bantamweight class.

These fellows really put out, and I think they deserve all the congratulations we at bome can give.

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Earlier, April 8 and 7, the N.C. Boxing Club traveled to Missoula to compete in the Rocky Mountain Junior Golden Gloves. Over 200 fighters from Oregon, Washingtoo, Idaho, Montana and Canada competed.

Due to our own lack of experience, we didn't expect much, mainly wanting to expose our boxers to what goes oo in these big tournaments.

But the fellows beld their own against some of the best in the country.

Joe Foote, Gary Whiteman, William Spang and Ron Spang made it to the semi-finals. Gary and Wilbur Spang went on into the finals, but lost to some good boxers.

Ron Spang was the champion in the 115-pound class.

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In the Forsyth Lioos Invitational Track Meet, 13 competing teams were grouped into two classes. Shepherd made 81 points for the C title. Forsyth made 32 points for the B title.

Colstrip, in Class C, placed fifth with 8½ points. In Class B, Lodge Grass was second with 13 points, Broadus third with 12, and St. Labre fourth with 11.

In the 100-yard dash, Harlow of Lodge Grass placed fourth; fastest time: 10.5 seconds; in the 220-yard Burton of Broadus was second, Harlow of Lodge Grass fourth, and Roo Harris of St. Labre was fifth; time: 24.7 seconds.

In the two-mile race, time 10.01 minutes, Spelleni of Colstrip was third, Phillip Whiteman of St. Labre, fifth. In the mile relay, St. Labre placed third, Colstrip fourth, Broadus fifth; time, 3 minutes 49 seconds. St. Labre placed fifth in the 880 relay, 38.9 secoods.

Harris of St. Labre was fourth in low burdies, 20.5 seconds. Bowman and Iroo, both Lodge Grass, tied in pole vault, 10 feet, 11½ inches. Burtoo of Broadus was secood in long jump, Harris of St. Labre fifth; 20 feet, 10 inches.

In triple jump, Tarter of Broadus was fourth; 41 feet, 4½ in. High jump saw Benson of Colstrip tying for secood, Alin Fisher of St. Labre, fourth; 5 feet, 9 in.

Coming Events

Memorial Day Pow-Wnw and Parade. Phillip White Man in charge.
june 7, 8, 9. Legion sponsoring servicea at cemetery.
July 4, 5, 6. Lame Deer Pow-Wnw, sponsored by Trihal Council.
Aug. 8, 9. Pow-Wow and races. Matthew Two Moons in charge of races.
April 12, 13, 14, At Blackfoot, Idaho.
May 25, 26. American Indian Celebration at Pacific High School, San Leandro, Calif.
June 21, 22, 23. Plume Sha Pow-Wow, Warm Springs, Oregnn.

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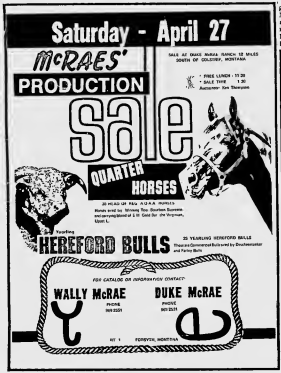

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Little Folks Enjoy Sliding in Spring Sunshine

As the mud dried around their play equipment, youngsters find the slide to the bottom a lot less messy than it used to be. These slides are a favorite sport with tiny tots living in the new tribal housing up the coulee on the west edge of Lame Deer. Warm, sunny weather this week sent children outside until twilight hours.

Fishing Licenses Expire Soon

Fishing licenses on the Northern Cheyeooe reservation expire April 30, and oew ones are oow available according to recreation director Eugene Fisher.

Five purchase points have been designated: the Tribal Office, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; N. C. Law and Order, 24 hours a day seven days a week; Busby Foodtown, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; and Ashland Mercantile, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Seasonal family rate is $8, seasonal individual $5, and 10-day individual or family, $2.

The tribal catch limit is 10 fish per day per person, oot to exceed 25 fish per family.

Baseball to Begin

Little League practice will begin the first week after school is out. Notices will be sent out with date of beginning practice.

Dr. Alonza Spang is general manager of the Little League.

Among those assisting with coaching will be Joe Higgins, Joe Bahr, Eugene Fisher, Gary Braioe, Herman Limberhand aod Bud Moran.

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Tribal Court to Get Cases

Several provisions relating to Indian lands have been written into the federal stripmioe reclamation bill now before Congress.

Indian tribes will have jurisdictional authority over all persons, Indian and non-Indian, coal mining and reclamation. All disputes will go first ioto tribal court, with the right to appeal in federal district court later.

The bill also provides $250,000 annually for three years to each tribe affected.

Additionally, it authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make annual grants directly, to assist any tribe in developing and administering a mining control program.

Tribal codes for environmental control are to replace the federal act anytime they are more stringent than the federal law.

It provides for review of all permits issued prior to the act and, should aoy be found contrary to requirements of the act, gives the permittee "a reasonable time to conform" to federal requirements.

The act also provides for tribal programs to replace the federal program within 30 days after approval by Interior.

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Teacher Corps Moves

By Manny Romero

The Teacher Corps team at Lame Deer has developed several new educational programs through the combined efforts of classroom teachers and interns.

These ioclude a music program for the Lame Deer Elementary School, an eighth grade social studies program, a health and first aid course, and a mathematics aod social studies program in the fourth grade.

Teachers Corps intero Claytoo Small assisted in the development of the eighth grade social studies program. Films, video-tapes, film strips and cassete tapes are being introduced as supplementary material to the usual textbook.

Small also developed a detailed course for health and first aid.

Judy Reger, Teacher Corps intero developed a mathematics aod social studies program based on individual effort in the fourth grade. Gari Braine has done an extensive amount of work in the reading program for grades four through eight.

Intern Barbara Melford's program in language arts is based on students expressing themselves creatively in writing. Susan Staoton developed the music program.

The Teacher Corps at Lame Deer has also been involved in several community projects — sponsoring an elementary tournament which earned $660 for an eighth grade field trip, a youth rodeo, home economics for girls, and adult education classes.

The Teacher Corps staff is composed of one community coordinator, James King Sr., a life-long resident, team leader Manny Romero, plus interns Clayton Small, Gari Braine and Barbara Mefford all of Lame Deer, Sue Stanton of Jordan, and Judge Ragar from Helena.

In addition to being team leader, Romero also assumes duties of the superintendent William Kennedy during bis absences.

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GIRLS LEARNING NAVAJO CULTURE
Rainell Steward, Susan La Fever

UM Students Visit Navajos

Susao La Fever of Lame Deer and Rainell Stewart of Hardio, students at the University of Montana, are oo an independeot study trip to Arizona.

They met their Navajo sponsor, Tribal Councilman Charlie Billy, at Ft. Defiance, Ariz., in March.

They then were welcomed into the John Hadley home at Chilchinbeto, where they were to live six weeks. This is oear the Chilchinbeto day school, a very isolated area.

Navajo culture the girls are learning includes language, religion and rug weaving. Mrs. Hadley has just completed a rug which took three months to weave and sold in Gallup for over $1,100, Susan reports.

Susao is the daughter of Carl and Sis Braine of Lame Deer; Rainell is the granddaughter of Jean Poitra.

Day Care Awaits Funding

The Lame Deer Day Care Center received $6,700 from the tribe in funding for the year ending June 30, and is waiting for word now from Title IV on a request for funding for the year following, according to director Barbara Spang.

"The children are all happy here — and that is one of our main goals at the center," she says.

Guiding the children's activities is her assistant, Lena Sooktis, and aides Irene Wilsoo, Eva Elkshoulder. Virginia White Dirt is cook.

Each day the children bave classes, creative and physical activity, Indian stories and singing. They also learn important health habits and are given two balanced meals each day, as well as two snacks

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